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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: MANGANESE SUPEROXIDE DISMUTASE  
GENE POLYMORPHISM FOR PREDICTING  
CANCER SUSCEPTIBILITY**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED  
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UNDER RULE 116)**Box AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002 ("Office Action"). A one month extension of time is requested. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENT****In The Claims**

Please amend the claims as indicated below. A clean copy of the pending claims under consideration is provided below. A marked up version of the amended claims is provided in Appendix I. Support for the claim amendments may be found throughout the application as filed, and in at least the following places: page 2, lines 16-20, page 4 lines 18-26, page 35 line 28-page 36 line 7, and Figure 2. The claim amendments therefore add no new matter.

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